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- 1. A data switching device comprising inputs for guaranteed throughput and best effort data, outputs, a data switch interconnecting the inputs and outputs, guaranteed throughput control means coupled for controlling a guaranteed throughput data scheduling and best effort control means coupled for controlling a best effort data scheduling, characterized in that the guaranteed throughput and best effort control means are arranged for a combined control such that the best effort data scheduling is based on a contention free guaranteed throughput scheduling.
- 2. The data switching device according to claim 1, wherein the data switching device has at least one guaranteed throughput input buffer for at least one data switch input.
 - 3. The data switching device according to claim 2, wherein the at least one guaranteed throughput input buffer is one deep.
- 15 4. The data switching device according to claim 2, wherein the data switching device has one and the same output buffer both for collecting guaranteed throughput and best effort data.
- 5. A data switching method, wherein guaranteed throughput and best effort data is scheduled for switching, characterized in that the best effort data scheduling is based on a contention free guaranteed throughput data scheduling.
 - 6. The method according to claim 5, characterized in that the best effort scheduling is performed after the guaranteed throughput scheduling.
 - 7. The method according to claim 5, characterized in that the guaranteed data scheduling takes one step.

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- 8. The method according to claim 7, characterized in that the one step involves a reservation of inputs and/or outputs.
- 9. The method according to claim 5, wherein the best effort data scheduling takes one or more multiples of three steps, including the steps: request, grant and accept.
 - 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein a contention resolution for said best effort data scheduling is based on bipartite graph matching.